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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's Percussion Ensemble will present a themed concert, "Space Odyssey," on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Ouachita's McBeth Recital Hall in Mabee Fine Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Ouachita Percussion Ensemble will perform five space-themed pieces that transport the audience through space.

"Each of the compositions not only have individual connections to outer space, but the order of the pieces on the program also move the audience through a journey from Earth to space and back again," said Dr. Ryan Lewis, associate professor of music and director of the ensemble.

The concert will begin with "Lift-Off!" by Russell Peck, followed by "Gravity" by Marc Mellits and "Doppelgänger" by Brian Mason.

Lewis said that during "Doppelgänger," "eight percussionists playing two marimbas, bongos and tom-toms are facing their doppelgänger, or musical twin, and each person's musical lines and physical movements are a mirror image of the person across from them." Throughout the program, the number of percussionists performing onstage will range from three to 13.

To conclude the concert, the Percussion Ensemble will perform "Moonrise" by Blake Tyson and "Dark Flight" by James Campbell.

"The concert will literally end with a bang," Lewis hinted.

For more information, contact Dr. Ryan Lewis at (870) 245-5421 or lewisl@obu.edu or visit www.obu.edu/percussion.

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